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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30486-DTR
On Behalf of the Malta House of Care, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639(b), of the C.G.S.
Establishment and Operation a Free Primary Health Care Clinic in Hartford, CT

Dear Ms. Groves:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to provide free primary care clinic services for individuals in Hartford, CT.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Malta House of Care, Inc ("Applicant") proposes to establish and operate a free primary health care clinic in Hartford, CT.
2. The Applicant's mission is to provide primary care to the uninsured population of the greater Hartford area at no cost to its clients.
3. Primary care services are to include internal medicine, gynecological and pediatric care.
4. The Applicant has obtained a commitment from the Arch Diocese of Hartford, which will be donating a building to house the proposed clinic.

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5. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (“DPH”), in a letter dated June 21, 2005, from Commissioner J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H., is supportive of the Applicant’s proposal and recommends an exemption under C.G.S. Section 19a-639(b) for Malta House of Care, Inc. to provide a free primary health care clinic in Hartford, CT.
6. DPH states that “currently there are only two community health centers that provide services to the underinsured and uninsured clients in the greater Hartford area”.
7. DPH further states that “the unmet health care needs of the uninsured remains a significant public health issue”.
8. The Applicant will be seeking DPH licensure in the category of outpatient clinic.
9. The Applicant intends to recruit medical personnel and support volunteers to work at the proposed clinic.
10. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$50,000 for building renovations.
11. Funding for the Applicant’s proposal will be through charitable contributions received from interested corporations, foundations and individuals.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the establishment and operation of a free primary health care clinic in Hartford, CT, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable J. Robert Galvin M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner, DPH
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